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To: Legislative Finance Committee

From: Taryn Purdy

RE: Operating Plan Changes and Program Transfers (Updated)

Sections 17-7-138 and 17-7-139, MCA, require that cumulative operating budget changes (in any budget category) and program transfers of \$25,000 and 25 percent or \$1,000,000 must be brought before the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) prior to implementation (unless of a time sensitive nature). The Office of Budget and Program Planning has under review 2 program transfers that meet these criteria. The memorandum from OBPP explaining the proposed change is attached.

Staff has reviewed the changes and does not raise any concerns.

The Office of Budget and Program Planning has also requested a program transfer in conjunction with the supplemental request to fund fiscal 2002 fire suppression costs in the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Staff has reviewed this change and raised no issues. A memorandum from Gary Hamel on the supplemental request is included under tab 17, along with the requesting memorandum from the Office of Budget and Program Planning.

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